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Chateau Thierry

## ARE FIGHTING WITH ABANDON OF VETERANS

From Big Offensive the German Drive Has Dwindled to Isolated Attacks Between Soissons and Chateau Thierry and Eastward on the Marne in the Direction of Rheims — Northeast of Chateau Thierry the Americans and French, Fighting Shoulder to Shoulder, Have Compelled the Enemy to Recross the Marne, the Germans Suffering Severe Casualties in the Engagement — There Is Only Moderate Activity Along the Line Held by the British in Flanders and Picardy.

From drives on wide fronts the German offensive in France has deteriorated into isolated attacks along the area between Soissons and Chateau Thierry and eastward on the Marne in the general direction of Rheims. Although in these attacks the enemy still is using large effective and great numbers of guns, he is being held almost everywhere from further progress and on various sectors compelled to assume the defensive against blows delivered by the Americans, French and British troops.

The Americans on the sectors where they are alone or brigaded with allied troops everywhere are fighting with a spirit of abandon that places them rightly in the category of veterans. Near the Neuilly (Veully) wood which lies northwest of Chateau Thierry and at the point where the drive has brought the enemy nearest Paris the Americans have beaten off a strong attack and on the Marne at Jaulmont some six miles northwest of Chateau Thierry, fighting shoulder to shoulder with the French they have aided in forcing the first contingent of the enemy to cross the Marne again to seek refuge on the northern bank of the stream. In this last engagement the Germans suffered severe casualties and also left 100 men prisoner in the hands of the defenders of the line.

Between the Aisne and Ourcq rivers the Germans have captured Peronne and to the south of that village the French have ceded a little territory.

## INTERVENTION ALONE WILL STAY TELEGRAPHERS' STRIKE

As the Result of Refusal of W. U. Co. to Submit to Jurisdiction of War Board.

Washington, June 4.—Only intervention by the federal government can prevent a general strike of operators employed by the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies, S. J. Koenigsmann, president of the Telegraphers' Union, said tonight before leaving for Chicago. Upon his arrival there he planned to mail out the call for a walkout as a result of the refusal of the Western Union company to submit to the jurisdiction of the national war labor board, which sought to compromise the differences between the companies and the men.

After two days spent here in discussing the situation with administration officials, members of congress and labor leaders, Mr. Koenigsmann said he doubted that even should the government decide to intervene, action could be taken in time to prevent the men from going out. He declined to estimate the number that might be involved.

Secretary Wilson, who discussed the situation with the union president, is understood to have laid the matter before the cabinet at its meeting today, but there is no indication that further steps were planned to prevent a strike.

Mr. Koenigsmann said he had been assured by President Goetz of the American Federation of Labor, of his interest and sympathy and of such assistance as the Federation could lend an affiliated union.

## BRANDIEGE URGES FEDERAL HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Presented in Senate Resolution From New Britain Chamber of Commerce.

Washington, D. C., June 4.—Senator Brandegee today presented to the senate a resolution from the New Britain Chamber of Commerce urging federal programs for adequate highway construction and maintenance and the creation of centralized federal authority to determine and direct the policy the resolution was endorsed by the national Chamber of Commerce and the American association of State Highway officials. Senator Brandegee expressed approval of the project.

## INCREASE IN ENROLLMENT IN THE MERCHANT MARINE

Has Resulted Since German U-Boats  
Became Active Off Atlantic Coast.

Boston, June 4.—The activity of the German submarines off the Atlantic coast resulted in a great increase in the enrollment in the merchant marine today. Henry Howard, director of recruiting reported that 123 men had passed examinations today and would begin immediate training to fit them for sea duty.

The appointment of Captain Charles Saunders as chief of the free navigation schools in Philadelphia was announced here today.

Aviator Killed at Ellington Field.

Houston, Tex., June 4.—Private John E. Zarner of Philadelphia was killed and Lieutenant E. M. May slightly injured today at Ellington field when their airplane crashed to the ground.

## Cabled Paragraphs

Vote of Confidence For Clemenceau.  
Paris, June 4.—Premier Clemenceau after addressing the chamber of deputies this afternoon received a vote of confidence in the government of 377 against 110.

British Destroyer Sunk in Collision.  
London, June 4.—A British destroyer was sunk in a collision Friday. There were no casualties, said the admiralty announcement.

## AMERICAN WOUNDED SOLDIERS AT NICE

Have Been Taken to the American  
Hospitals There.

Nice, France, Monday, June 3.—(By A. P.)—The first party of wounded American soldiers who had been small-armed with French troops arrived at Nice today. They were sent to the American hospital here.

Apparently the foregoing refers to troops brigaded with the French according to the plan announced some time ago. Whether they were wounded in the fighting of the present offensive or while acting with the French in other sectors is not clear. The main body of Americans placed in the line with the French against the Germans since the March offensive started in the Cantigny sector, southeast of Amiens, where they made a brilliant record in capturing and holding of the town of Cantigny.

## FEAR ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP BLACK ROCK NAVAL BASE

Explosion of Dynamite in Cellar 1,000  
Feet Away.

Bridgeton, Conn., June 4.—Fearing an enemy blow at the Black Rock Naval reserve base here, as a result of an explosion of dynamite in a cellar of an uncompleted house 1,000 feet away from the naval station at 12:15 this morning, the police are searching for three men who threw the charge. Brantledge, who lives about 100 feet from the scene of the explosion, saw three strange men pass his house and reaching the building, toss a sputtering object into the cellar. In a few seconds, a loud explosion occurred, but the men had disappeared.

## HARTFORD COUPLE CHARGED WITH HOARDING SUGAR

John H. Vreeland, a Prominent  
Insurance Man, Had 100 Pounds.

Hartford, Conn., June 4.—John H. Vreeland, a prominent insurance man of this city, and his wife, were arrested today on Federal warrants charging them with hoarding sugar. They were later taken under orders to appear before U. S. Commissioner Carroll tomorrow for a hearing. It is charged that about a hundred pounds of sugar were found in their home, 25 pounds being in unopened cartons.

## RESTRICTING TRANSFER OF AMERICAN VESSELS

Of More Than 100 Tons to a Foreign  
Flag.

Washington, June 4.—Transfer to a foreign flag of any American vessel of more than 100 tons is forbidden under a resolution adopted today by the shipping board. Foreign governments or their citizens who have been seeking to contract with American yards for sailing craft not larger than 1,000 tons.

## FLOATING MINE PICKED UP OFF NEW JERSEY COAST

Undoubtedly Dropped by an Enemy  
U-boat When Pursued.

Washington, June 4.—The picking up of a floating mine off the New Jersey coast was announced today by the navy department. Undoubtedly it was dropped by one of the enemy U-boats. Possibly the raider was closely pursued and sought to lay a trap for her pursuer, or she might have hoped the bomb would prove to be in the path of a convoy flotilla.

## 146 WERE KILLED IN RAID ON COLOGNE

Bombs Dropped by Allied Aviators Also  
Injured About 150.

Washington, June 4.—(By A. P.)—A German raiding ship, the Cologne, caused the death of 146 persons, the state department was informed today. About 150 were injured. The ship was sunk by the allied aviators. The bodies were thrown into a state of "the most absolute panic."

## Graphite Production in New York and Pennsylvania

New York was second to Alabama in the production of crystalline graphite in 1917. The sales during the year, according to the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, amounted to 2,341,000 pounds, valued at \$261,548, or 27 per cent. of the total for the United States. One new company began operations in 1917 and another is to start within a short time. The New York production for the last quarter of 1917 amounted to only about 37 per cent. of the maximum capacity of the mills. The shortage was due principally to the excessively severe winter.

The production of graphite in Pennsylvania showed a decrease in 1917, due to the fact that one of the plants that was producing in 1916 was not in operation in 1917 and that two others were closed during a part of the year to permit extensive alterations. The labor shortage also affected somewhat the Pennsylvania production.

## Norway's Floating Rubber Supply.

The factory for the manufacture of rubbers which is situated at Mjondalen, Norway, is the only concern of its kind in the country. The owner, Consul H. E. Carlson, Christiania, Norway, is greatly reduced compared with normal conditions. It is stated that the factory is kept in operation by the rubber that washes ashore along the Norwegian coast. This rubber is usually found by fishermen, who turn it over to the State. The factory in turn sells it to the factory at a price of 17.50 crowns per kilo (about \$1.15 per pound). The factory has, however, sent in all of its orders to the Department of Commerce for its approval. It is stated that the intention is to enlarge the plant to such an extent that when normal conditions return it will be able to supply the needs of the whole country.

## The mysterious Spanish epidemic killed 111 in one day.

## Enemy Subs Are Still Operating Off Coast

ATTACKED A FRENCH TANK  
STEAMER YESTERDAY MORNING

## 65 MILES OFF MARYLAND

Steamer Was Saved From Destruction  
By An American Destroyer, Which  
Later Found a Schooner Sinking.

Washington, June 4.—Enemy submarines still were operating off the American coast today. A French tank steamer, the Radioline, first trans-Atlantic craft to be attacked by the raiders, was saved from destruction at 2:30 o'clock this morning by an American destroyer, 65 miles off the Maryland coast.

Found Schooner Sinking.

The same destroyer found the coasting schooner Edward R. Baird, Jr., which was being attacked by a German submarine. The schooner was sinking and the destroyer was ordered to sink it.

Announcement by the navy department of these facts late tonight disclosed that the raid in American waters had not ended with yesterday's tale of destruction, upsetting the theory that the raiders probably were speeding homeward. Coast patrol vessels had not acted on the theory. They are closing in from all directions on the scene of the raiders' last exploit, hunting the sea for further trace of enemy U-boats as they come.

## Born in a Log Cabin.

The one where he was born on May 11, 1862, was at Unionville, Conn. It is a dangerous note being the funeral pyre for the future statesman. When Mr. Fairbanks was a boy of four his father built a new home, and the one-room cabin was used as a carpenter shop. One day while the workmen were at lunch Charles wandered away from the shop and found a bunch of shavings into the open fireplace. The cabin caught fire and when the boy realized his danger he was forced to scramble through a window.

## Traced Ancestors to Oliver Cromwell.

Mr. Fairbanks traced his ancestors to the days of Oliver Cromwell. He counted "Fairbanks" among his supporters. Jonathan Fairbanks, the first member of the family to come to America, landed at Boston in 1635. Mr. Fairbanks' father was Loriston Monroe Fairbanks, a wagon maker of Vermont, who emigrated to Union county, O., where he was a farmer. The late William Henry Smith, once general manager of The Associated Press.

## Entered College at 15.

Fairbanks, at 15, entered Ohio Wesleyan college at Delaware, O., sharing an attic room with the son of another Fairbanks. He was a member of the team. Fairbanks did carpenter work to earn his first law books.

Soon after he was graduated, Mr. Fairbanks was appointed agent of the Associated Press at Pittsburgh, Pa., holding that position for one year. His most important assignment was the rally of the democratic and liberal republicans in 1872. This was one of the largest meetings of the campaign and was addressed by Horace Greeley. Later in life he frequently referred with keen delight to his work as a newspaperman.

## Was Married in 1874.

From Pittsburgh, Mr. Fairbanks went to Cleveland and completed his law studies. He married Sarah Corneille Cole, the culmination of a romance that began when both were members of the editorial staff of their college paper. Their son, a naval aviator, died in the war.

After marriage Mr. Fairbanks moved to Indianapolis and opened a law office. He took an active part in politics and assisted in local, state and national campaigns, managed Walter Gresham's campaign for the republican nomination for president in 1888 and later labored industriously for Benjamin Harrison's nomination.

## Includes Seven Schooners and Four Steamers.

Washington, June 4.—The official list of vessels sunk by the U-boats is given out tonight by the navy department. Included were seven schooners and four steamers as follows: Schooner Edna, 325 tons, bombed; schooner Hattie, 296 tons, bombed; schooner Edward H. Cole, 178 tons, bombed; schooner Isabel B. Wiley, 776 tons, bombed; schooner Jacob M. Haskell, 1,725 tons, bombed; schooner Winneconne, 1,389 tons, torpedoed; steamship Carolina, 5,020 tons, torpedoed; schooner Edna, 325 tons, bombed; schooner Hattie, 296 tons, bombed; schooner Edward H. Cole, 178 tons, bombed; schooner Isabel B. Wiley, 776 tons, bombed; schooner Jacob M. Haskell, 1,725 tons, bombed; schooner Winneconne, 1,389 tons, torpedoed; steamship Carolina, 5,020 tons, torpedoed.

## Rockville—A new Catholic society has been organized a Rockville branch of the Catholic Ladies of Columbus.

## Boy Killed Brother While Shooting at a Target

William Charnello, 25, of Hamden,  
Was the Victim.

New Haven, Conn., June 4.—William Charnello, 25 years old, was shot and killed near his home in the Highlands section of Hamden late today. The boy, who was 14 years old, was shooting at a target. The Hamden authorities say they believe the shooting accident was the result of a defective rifle. The boy, however, has been ordered held pending the coroner's inquiry.

## Death of Former Vice President Fairbanks

OCCURRED AT HIS HOME IN IN-  
DIANAPOLIS LAST NIGHT

## OF CHRONIC NEPHRITIS

Probably the Last of American States-  
men to Have Been Born in a One-  
Room Log Cabin.

Indianapolis, Ind., June 4.—Charles Warren Fairbanks, former vice president and a former U. S. senator for Indiana, died at his home here at 8:55 o'clock tonight. Death was due to interstitial nephritis, which has been a chronic ailment with him, but not regarded as particularly serious until recently. All members of the former vice president's family except Major Richard Fairbanks, who is in France were at his bedside.

Mr. Fairbanks became unconscious several days ago and did not regain consciousness, up to the time of his death.

Mr. Fairbanks was 65 years old and had been nominated twice on the republican ticket for vice president of the United States. After the first nomination he was elected but was defeated in his second race in 1916.

The distinction of birth in a log cabin, which illustrious Americans of an earlier day commonly had, was also that of former Vice President Fairbanks. It is probable that he was the last of American statesmen to have been born in one of these humble cabins.

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